Increase in urea subsidy

2802. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA:
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of increase in urea subsidy during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) how much of this increase is on account of increase in feedstock prices and how much is on account of increased production, during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) The quantum of increase in subsidy on indigenous urea during the last three years is as follows:

Year	Quantum of increase in the amount of subsidy on indigenous urea, as compared to the subsidy paid during the preceding year
1997-98	Rs. 1823 crore
1998-99	Rs. 1050 crore
1999-2000	Rs. 1101 crore

(b) The details of quantum of increase in subsidy on account of various factors such as increase in the cost of feed stock, increase in production etc. are not separately maintained. Besides under the RPS, subsidy on urea is released on dispatches made after taking into account the availability of funds.

CAG Report on subsidy payments

2803. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether recently the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) has pointed out a whooping Rs. 3714 crores undue subsidy payment to Fertilizer Units during 1997-98;

(b) if so, whether inadequate verfication of date by a Government